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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview.

County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

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Today

- **Light freezing rain/sleet/snow possible across northern portions of the Region this morning.**
- **Cold temperatures and gusty winds expected today, with cold temperatures continuing tonight**

Sunday

- **Critical fire weather conditions expected across NM & WTX**

Monday - Wednesday

- **No significant weather expected.**

River Flood Status

- **Moderate flooding will continue for at least a week on the Ouachita and Calcasieu Rivers in LA**
- **Rivers continue to slowly recede in SE TX, AR & LA. Mostly river points are in minor flood stage, with a few points in moderate flood. Most sites will continue a slow fall.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

April 7, 2018 – April 11, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather		NM, WTX			
Winter	N OK, N AR				
River Flooding	LA				
	SE TX, AR, LA				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

***Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
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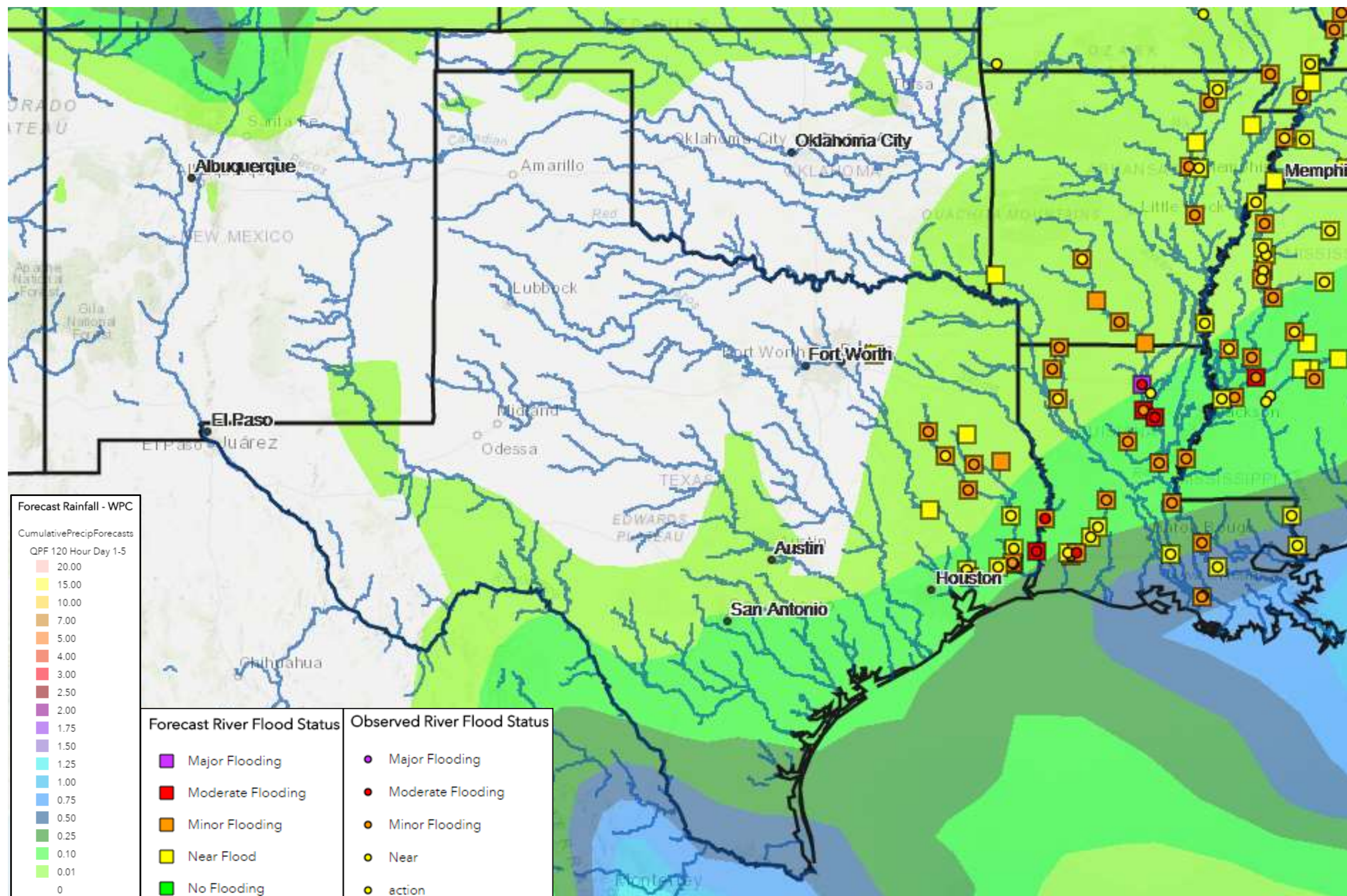
***For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to
the last slide in this briefing.***

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



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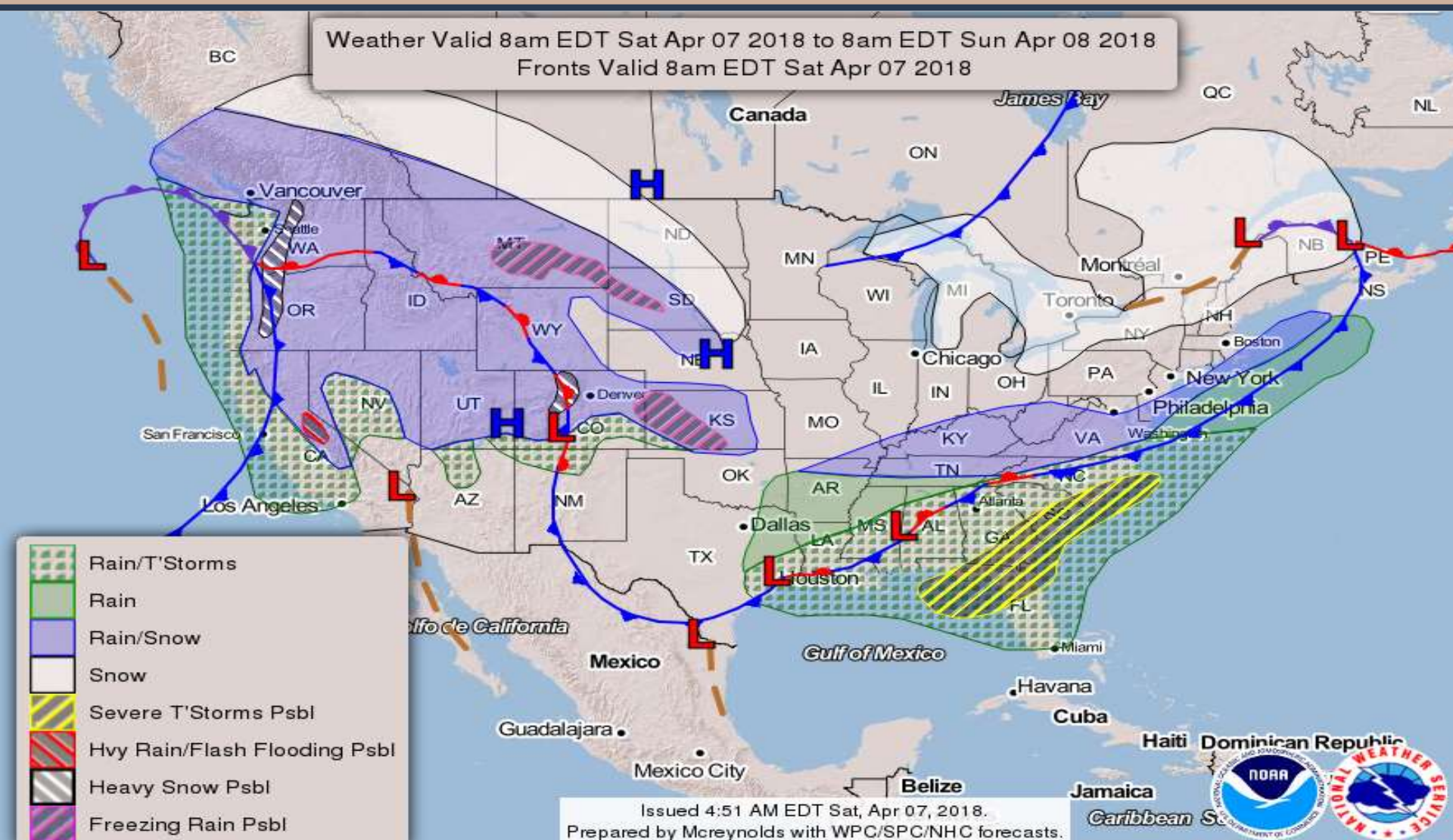
Moderate flooding will continue for at least a week on the Ouachita and Calcasieu Rivers in LA.

Today's Weather

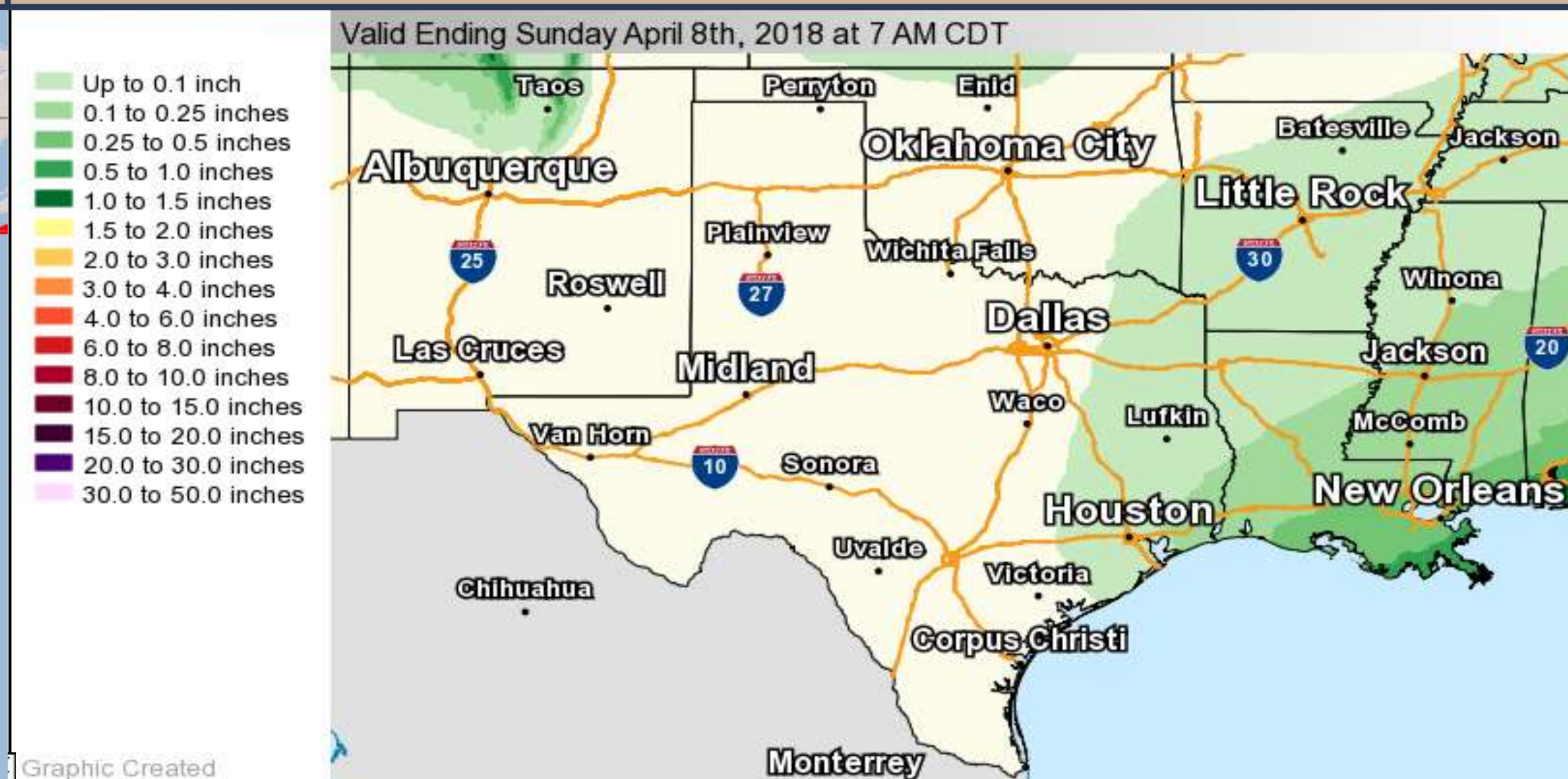


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Forecast Chart



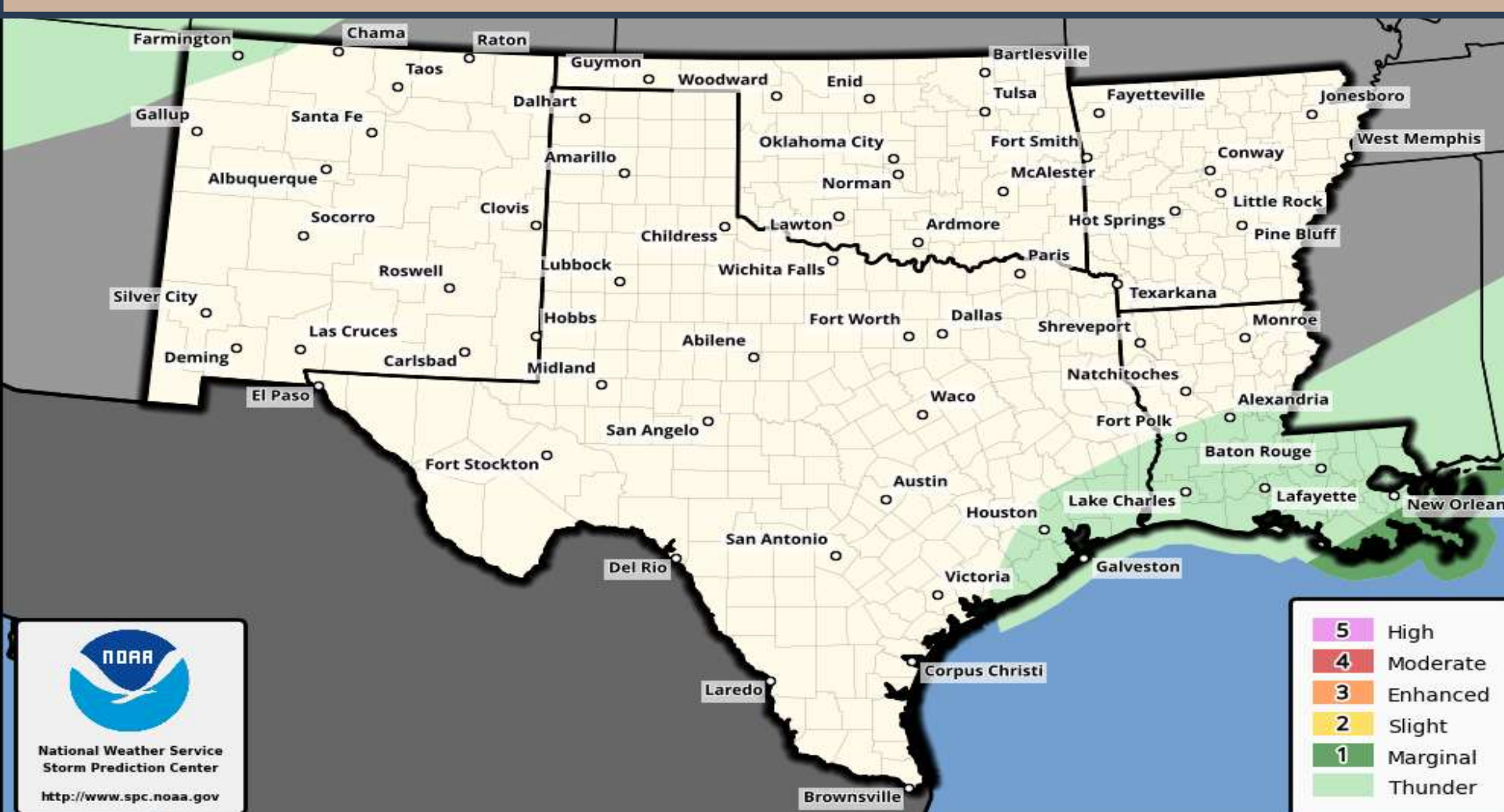
Forecasted Rainfall



Cold temperatures and gusty winds expected today, with cold temperatures continuing tonight.

Light freezing rain/sleet/snow possible across northern portions of the Region this morning.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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Fire Weather



Severe Weather & Flooding



The Fire Weather Watch is for tomorrow.

The Winter Weather Advisory is in effect this morning for light snow/sleet/freezing rain.

Strong & Gusty Winds



Winter Weather



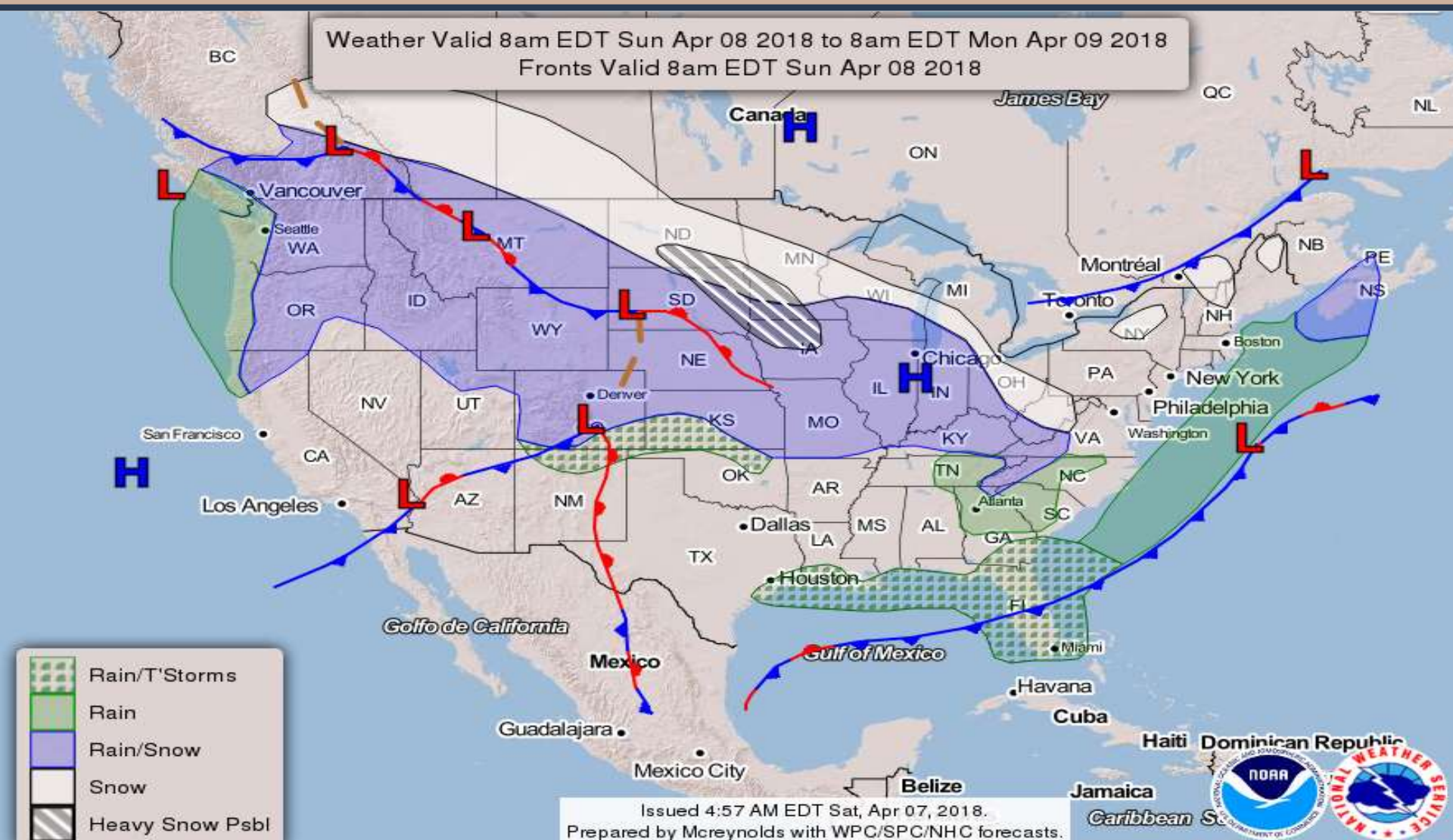
Gusty winds across much of the Region through at least midday.

Tomorrow's Weather



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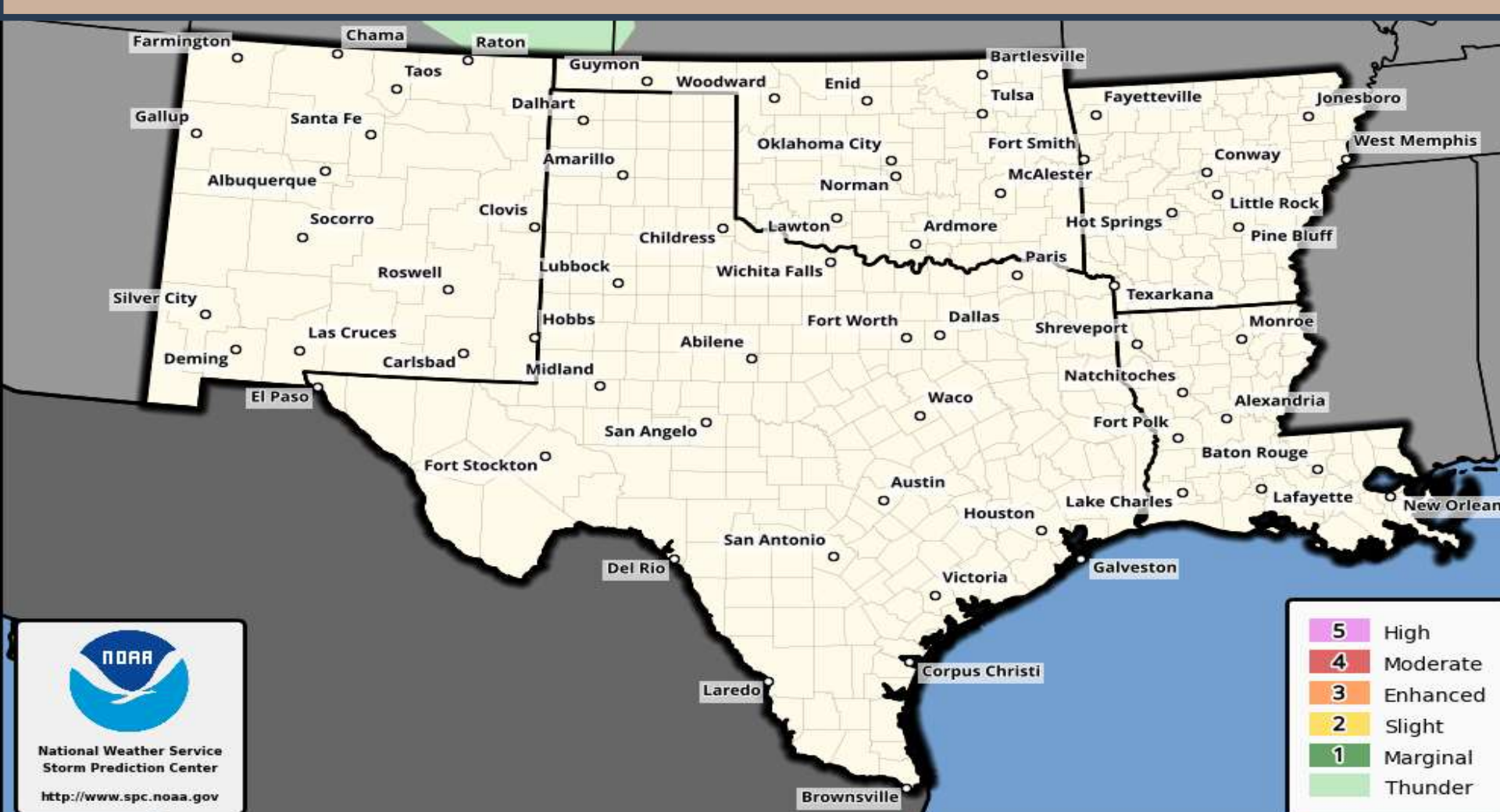


Forecasted Rainfall



Critical fire weather conditions expected (see next slide).

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

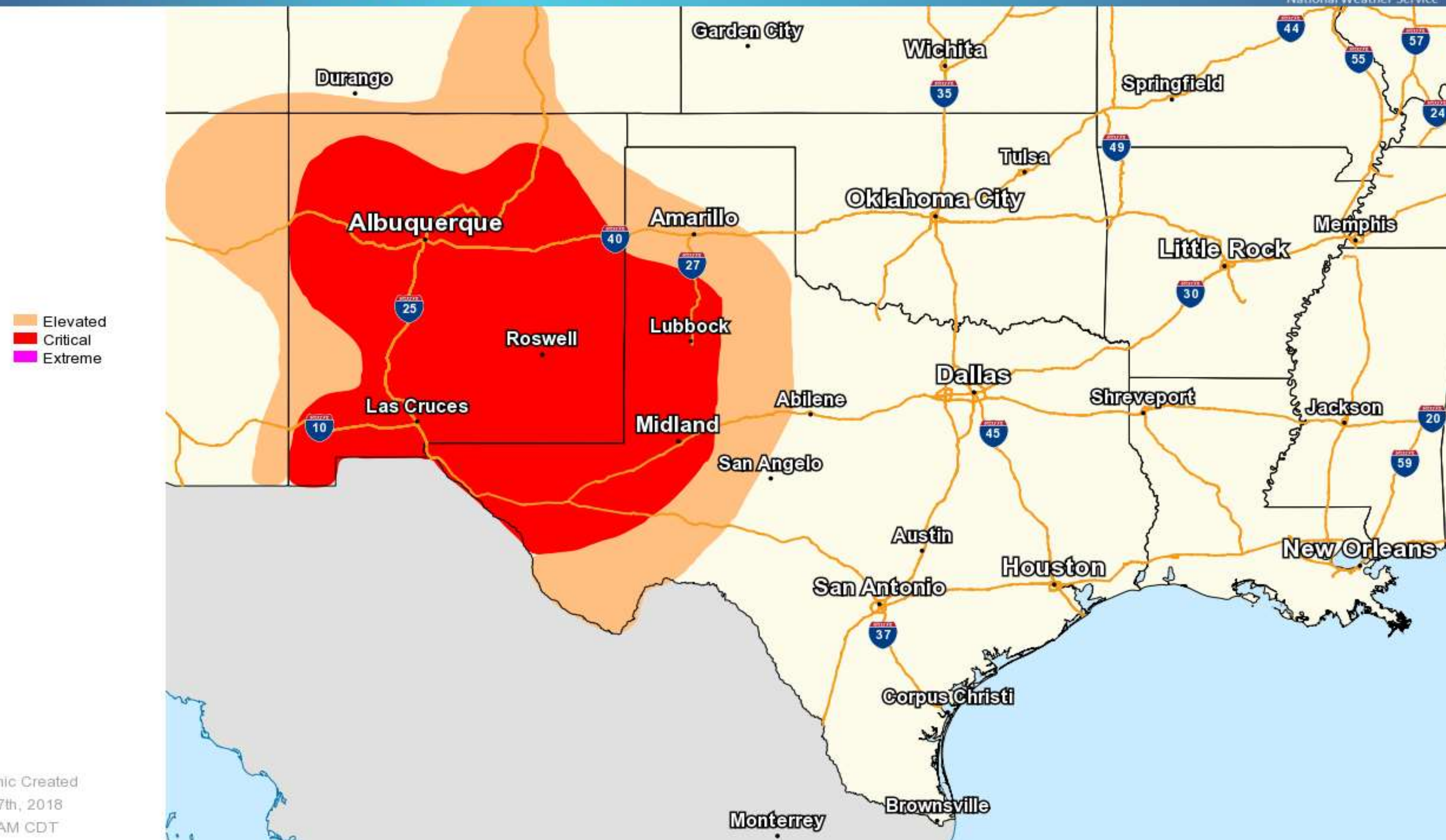


Tomorrow's Fire Weather



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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



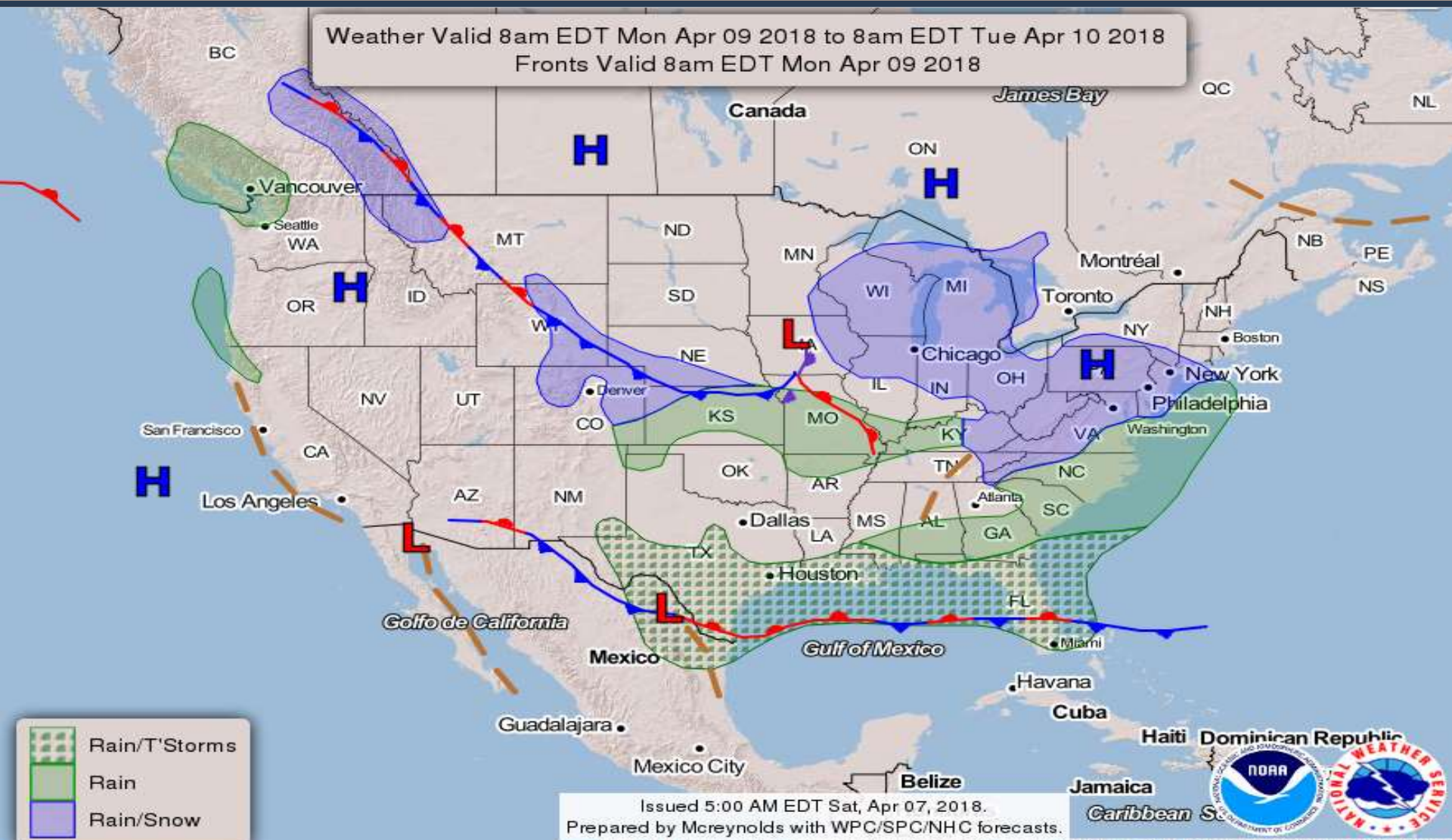
**Critical fire weather
conditions across NM
into W TX.**

Monday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

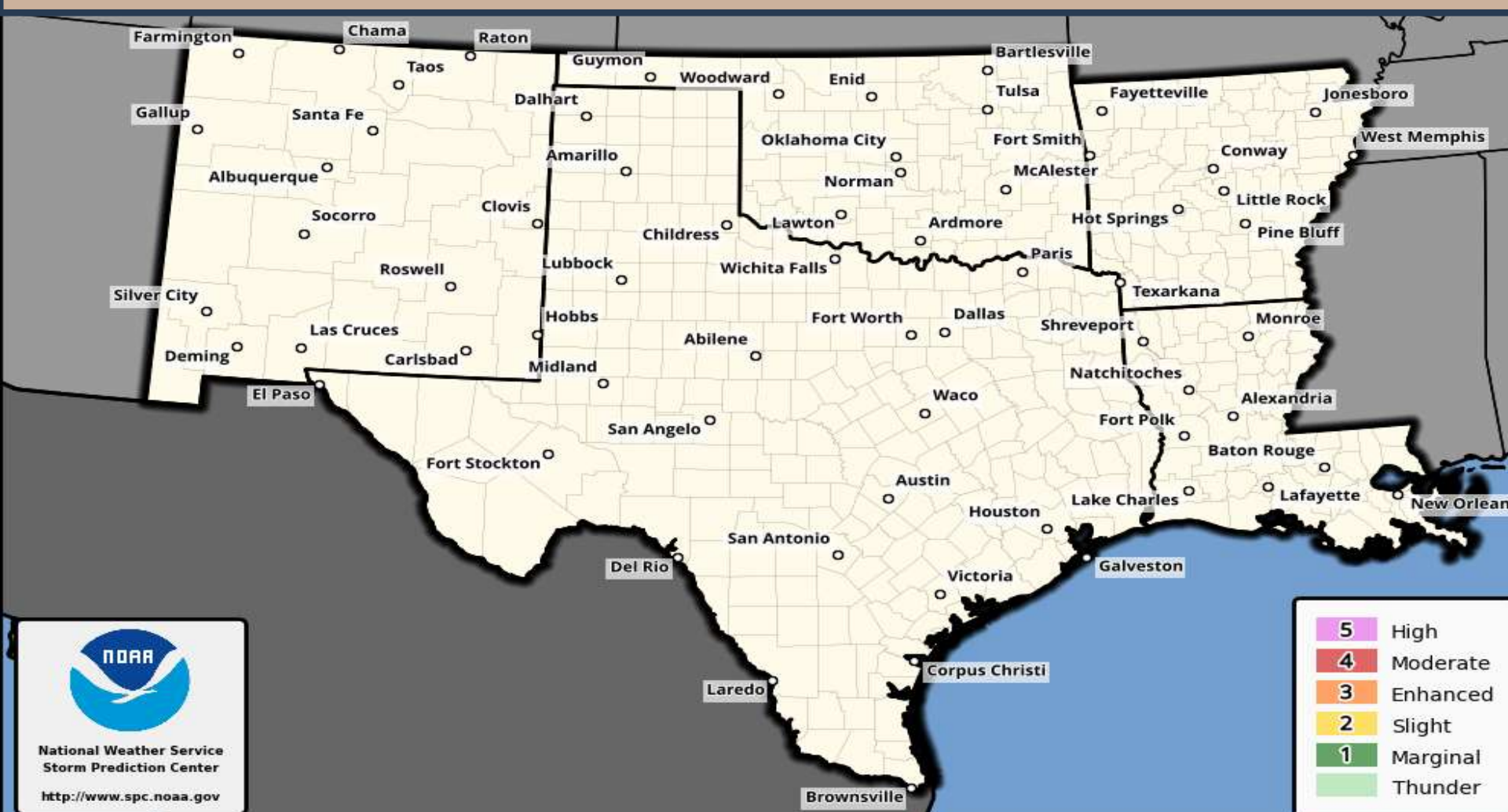


Forecasted Rainfall



No significant
weather impacts
expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

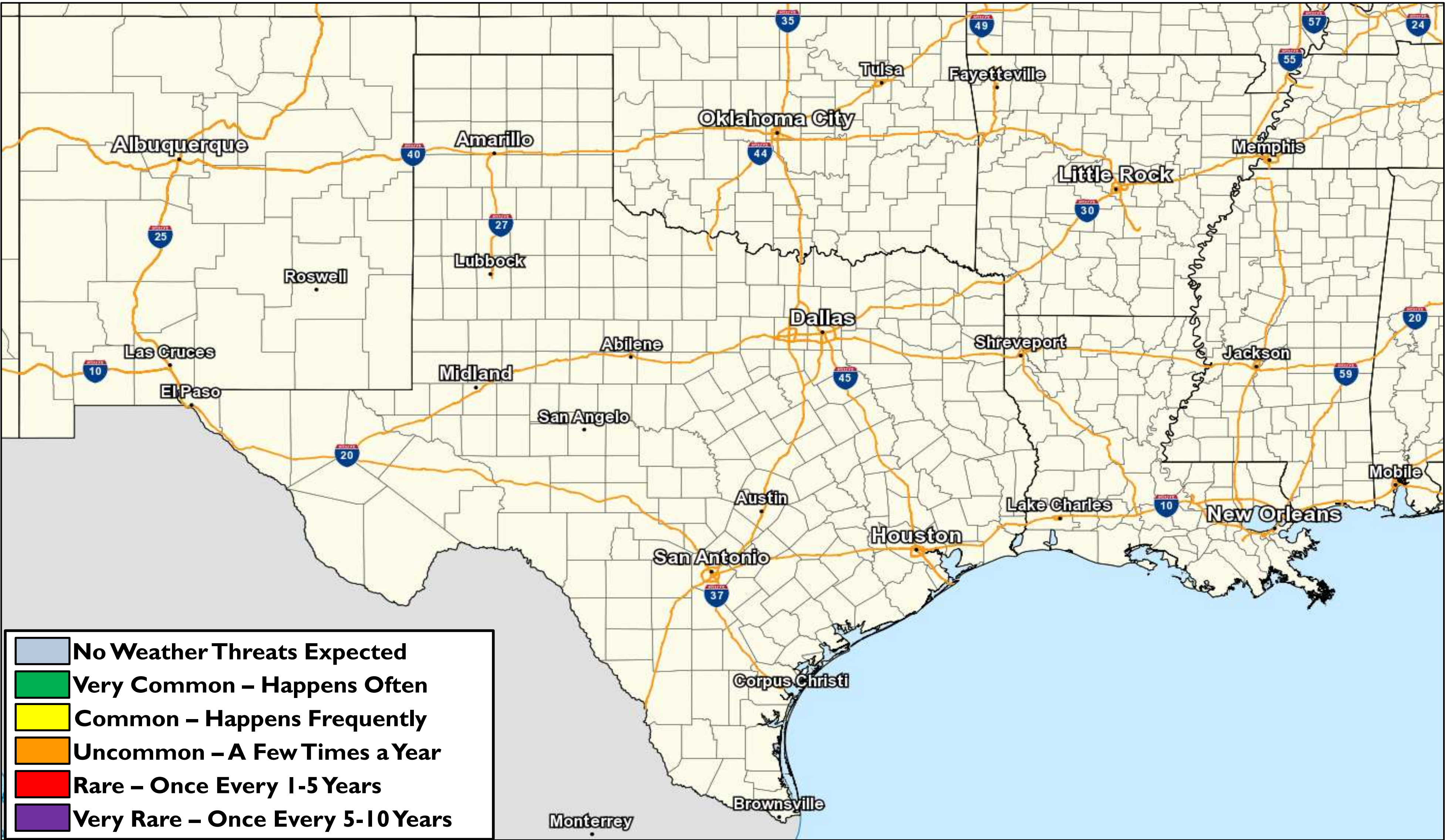


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Tuesday - Wednesday



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No significant weather impacts.

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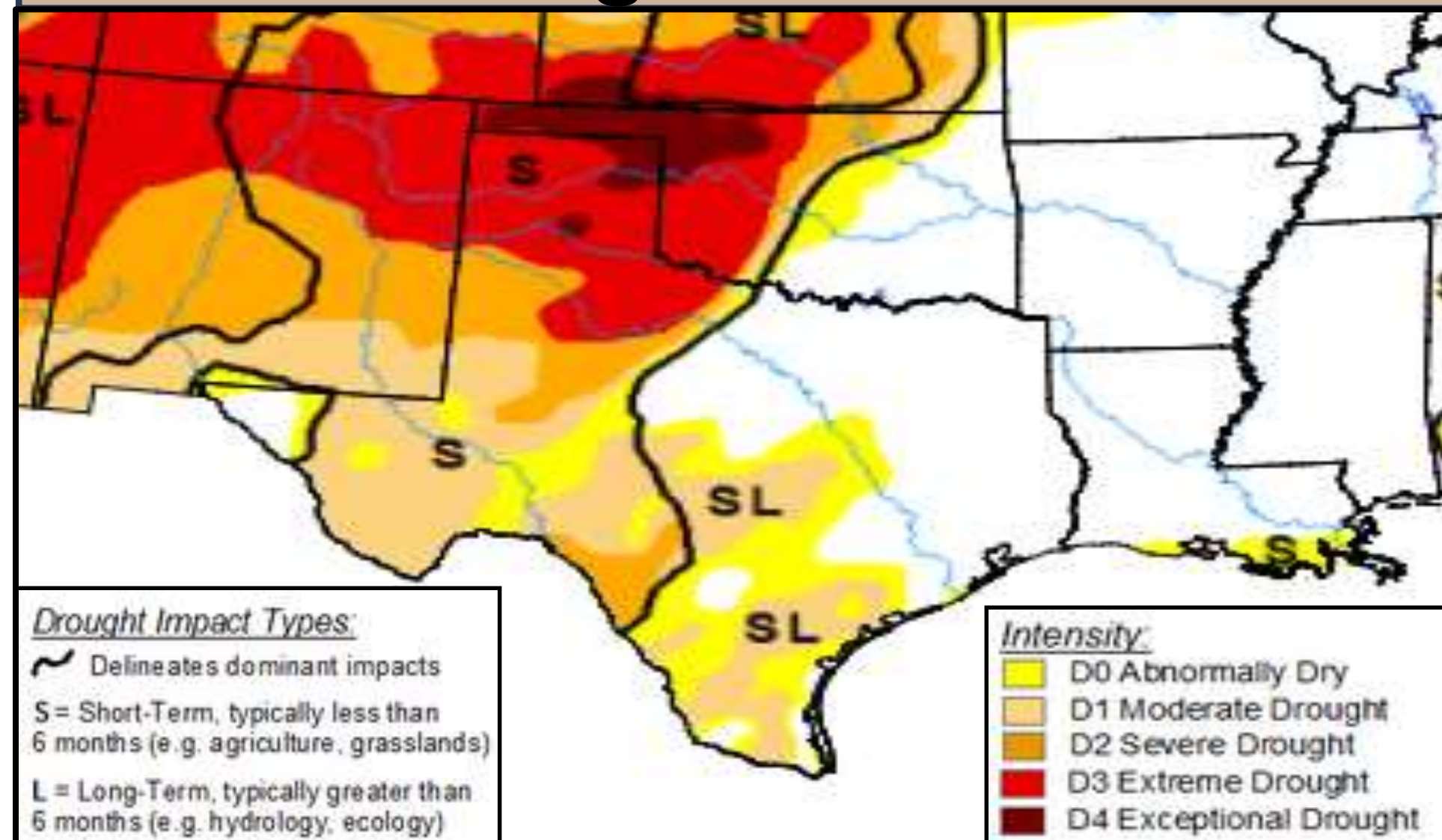
Drought Monitor (Released Apr 5th, 2018)



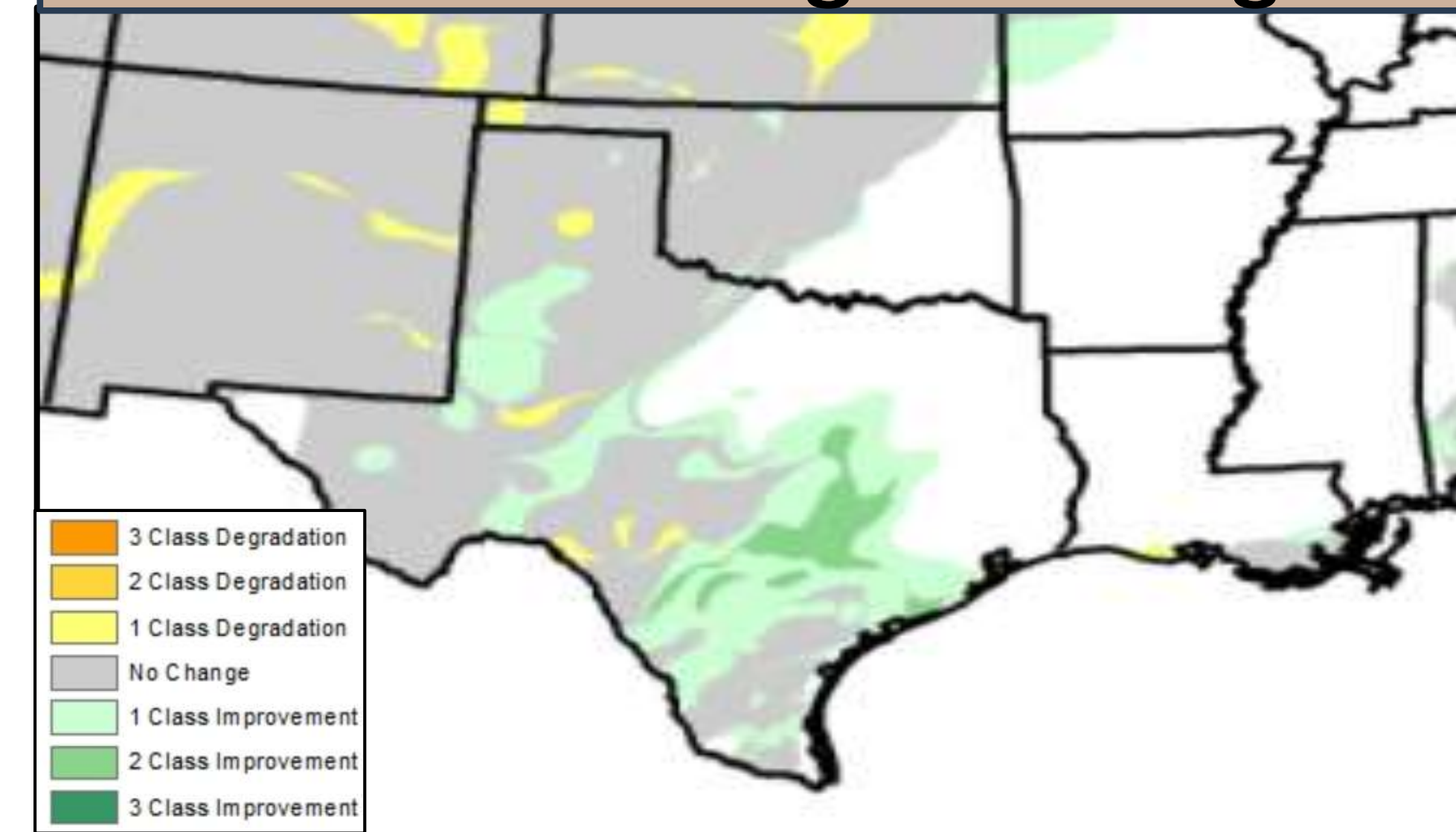
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Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

Drought Monitor



One Week Change in Drought



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

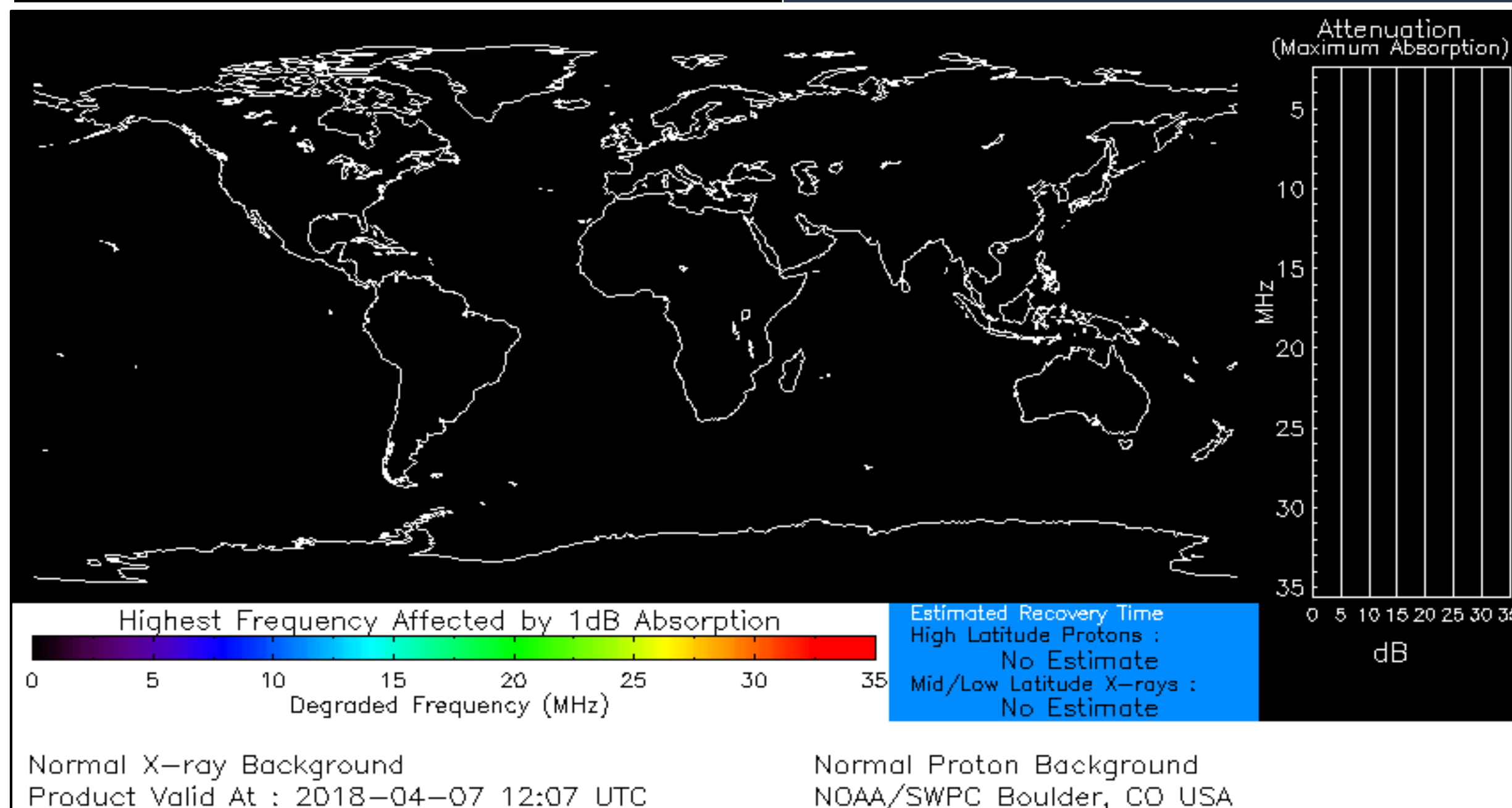
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.37%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	34.85%	34.93%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	13.21%	15.08%	0.11%	0.00%
New Mexico	38.87%	34.06%	0.00%	0.00%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



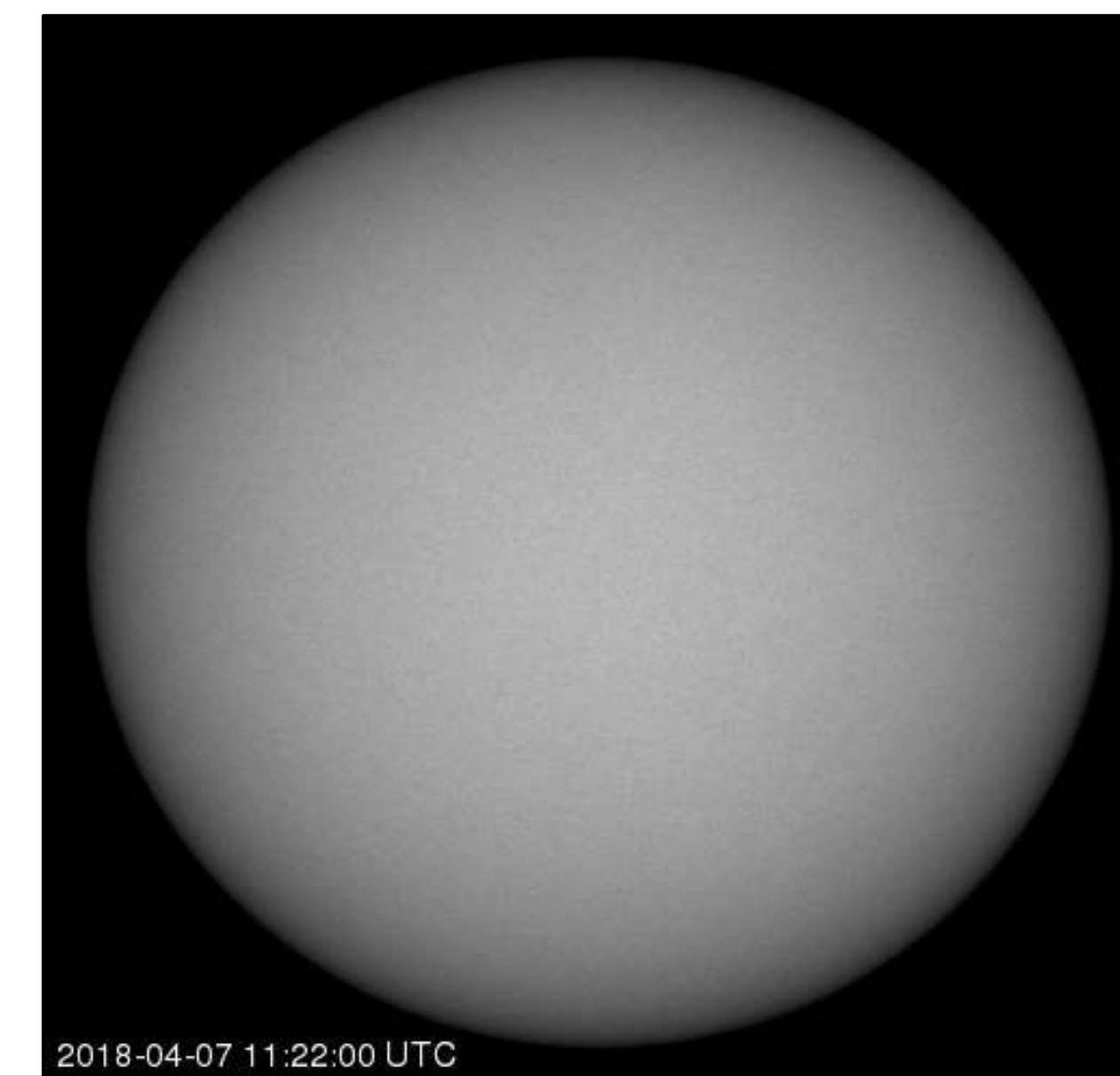
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	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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